

tions asked thereon; generally having to look up both the mechanic and the employer again to get the correct answers. Doctor now makes out 'a first report' and 'a final report' and an itemized bill, and two (\$2.00) dollars is all that he is allowed for his trouble.

Slivers of wood and steel, small cuts and burns; all are simple treatments but complex and time absorbers to report. Many, many times I have made out a brief report to the Industrial Accident Commission (forced to do so) then let the fee be lost rather than take the time to secure all the proper blanks and data and look to the casualty insurance carrier for a settlement. The doctor must earn thrice the fee allowed before he gets anything.

A very good feature in the doctor's favor is—the money is as good as collected, for the insurance companies are good pay. Why cannot this illimitable red-tape reporting be simplified or the fees trebled that we may keep an extra office assistant for that work. This reporting is the only bug-bear that I have to contend with in my little country town. I wonder if I have not voiced the opinions of hundreds of my fellow practitioners?

Faternally yours,

H. A. TODD, M. D.

State Society

The offices of the State Society have been running very smoothly in the past few months and have been rather busy trying to keep up with the many changes which have occurred in the location of members throughout the State. Many hundreds of our physicians have entered military and naval service, and at times we have been unable to know when they left or where they were. In some instances we have sent notices for the \$2.00 war tax to men who were in the service, but this has only resulted because these men were not reported through their county secretaries to the State office.

Men who are discharged from the Army or Navy during the coming year will still be carried by the State society without the payment of dues, unless such dues are offered voluntarily to the county organization. Some men prefer to re-establish themselves properly in this regard.

The office of the State society will make every effort to assist returning members in obtaining new locations, if they so desire. Many positions are available for men in various towns, mining camps, on sailing vessels and in other ways; all of which we keep listed in the office.

The Council of the State society has not met during the past few months because of the epidemic of influenza, but the publicity bureau has convened periodically and conducted the essential business of the society during the interim.

The State Meeting of the Medical Society will be held at Santa Barbara April 15th, 16th and 17th. This should be very largely attended, both because of its central location and because of the interesting, profitable program which will be presented at that time. Efforts will be made to obtain the best rates possible from the hotels and railroads. Further notice will be given regarding the meeting, the railroad fares and hotel rates. We feel that our physicians have earned a well-deserved rest after the past strenuous months, and a few days spent at Santa Barbara will have a reviving influence upon them.

The work of the legal department during the past summer has not been as heavy as usual. Suits for alleged malpractice have rather fallen off during the period of war, but some of our best men throughout the State have nevertheless been most unjustly attacked from time to time. Our defense

of these cases has been most satisfactory, and not a single member of the Indemnity Defense Fund has had a judgment rendered against him. It behooves all members at the beginning of this year, to take advantage of this splendid scheme for financial protection. Join the Indemnity Defense Fund. The assessment still remains the same, \$30.

County Societies

FRESNO COUNTY.

At the last meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society, the following officers were elected:

Dr. B. B. Lamkin, president; Dr. J. D. Morgan, vice-president; Dr. C. L. A. Rinker, second vice-president; Dr. W. E. R. Schottstaedt, secretary; Dr. A. D. Ellsworth, asst. secretary; Dr. T. M. Hayden, treasurer.

To replace Dr. J. R. Walker, the retiring member of the Board of Governors, Dr. J. R. Walker.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

With the beginning of the new year new activities have been inaugurated by the Board of Councilors.

Dr. Harlan Shoemaker, the secretary-treasurer, has enlarged the Bulletin with advertisements to help pay for the issue. A nurses' bureau will be opened in the secretary's office, 621 Marsh-Strong Bldg., where recommended nurses can register so that physicians and surgeons can secure promptly at any time the services of competent and responsible nurses. The Board of Councilors have also voted to revise the constitution and by-laws to obviate refunding a portion of the dues to the branch societies. The services of the Press Clipping Bureau will be dispensed with for the present.

The first regular meeting at the usual time and place was held January the 16th, 1919.

Dr. W. T. McArthur presided. In wishing all a happy new year he dwelt upon the devotion to duty of the members of the society. Those returning from the war will now have to build up their relinquished practice. They have vindicated their right to live. Some will never return; they have made the supreme sacrifice.

(See paper No. 1.) (For papers presented see April issue of Journal.)

The president, Dr. W. T. McArthur, then asked the chairman of the committee appointed by him, to read the vote of thanks on behalf of the society to Dr. Geo. H. Kress, the retiring secretary-treasurer, whereupon the president presented in fitting words the beautifully engrossed, illumined and framed document together with the appropriately engraved gold watch as a token to Dr. Kress.

Whereas, Geo. H. Kress, B. S., M. D., retiring secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, during his long term in office of nine consecutive years, has served faithfully in that capacity, and by his indefatigable efforts has built up the Society from a small organization to one of the biggest and most efficient in the land, and

Whereas, He has added many useful and profitable features which have proven of inestimable value to the members of the Society, and

Whereas, His loyal devotion to duty, his love for the work, his ability and versatility in its performance, his uniform courtesy and helpfulness to all members consulting or co-operating with him in everything appertaining to the welfare of the Society and its members, are herewith officially recognized, acknowledged and appreciated by his fellow-members; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Los Angeles County Medical Association as a whole and its many members

individually, one and all give him herewith a vote of thanks and a suitable token as an expression of our appreciation which no one could possibly merit more than he, and that while regretting the loss to the Society by his retirement as secretary-treasurer, we hope and wish that the well-earned rest from such arduous labors may redound to his advantage in health and happiness with the consciousness of "duty well done." And be it further

Resolved, That we assure him of our profound sense of gratitude; that we esteem, honor and love him for his many good qualities, his strong, upright, loyal character and his personal worth. And be it also

Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to spread these resolutions upon the minutes of our Society and publish the same in the Bulletin and that a reprint be forwarded to Dr. Geo. H. Kress with the token and another reprint filed in the archives of the Society.

WILLIAM WENZLICK, LL.B., M.D.,
FITCH C. E. MATTISON, M.D., F.A.C.S.,
ALBERT SOILAND, M.D., F.A.C.P.,

Committee.

Dr. Kress in replying expressed his appreciation of the generous thought and expression of the Society in thus thanking him for whatever part it might have been his privilege to play in the last nine years as the executive officer of the Association. He added also that for himself, there had been so much pleasure in the work of trying to have the County Society develop into a strong county unit, that he felt that it had been himself rather than the Society which was under obligations. He stated also that he felt sure that with the same spirit of co-operation as had existed in the past, and by holding fast to the fundamental framework of the constitution there could be little doubt but that the Association would move forward in the future as in the past.

Officers for the Year 1919.

W. T. McArthur, M.D., 836-7 Security Bldg., president; H. G. McNeill, M.D., Exchange Bldg., vice-president; Harlan Shoemaker, M.D., 621 Marsh-Strong Bldg., secretary-treasurer, editor of the Bulletin, chairman of the Scientific Program and Telephone Exchange Committees.

Board of Councilors.

W. T. McArthur, M.D., chairman (ex-officio); Harlan Shoemaker, M.D., secretary (ex-officio); H. G. McNeill, M.D., (ex-officio); H. Bert Ellis, M.D., 1919; W. W. Richardson, M.D., 1919; Granville MacGowan, M.D., 1919; G. L. Cole, M.D., 1920; Dudley Fulton, M.D., 1920; F. C. E. Mattison, M. D., 1920; Stanley P. Black, M.D., 1921; Wm. Duffield, M.D., 1921; L. M. Powers, M.D., 1921; Irwin L. Magee, M.D., (Santa Monica); Chas. L. Bennett, M.D., (Pomona); Roscoe C. Olmstead, M.D., (Pasadena); Francis L. Rogers, M.D., (Long Beach); G. L. Kelsey, M.D., (Eye and Ear).

Branch Officers.

Pomona.

Chairman, Ward L. Fisher, M.D.; vice-chairman, F. W. Burns, M.D.; councillor, Charles L. Bennett, M.D.; secretary-treasurer, Paul W. Newcomer, M.D.

Long Beach.

Chairman, G. H. Galbraith, M.D.; vice-chairman, Bernard Oettinger, M.D.; councillor, F. L. Rogers, M.D.; secretary-treasurer, Frank M. Mikels, M.D.

Santa Monica.

Chairman, Dr. E. E. Roberts; councillor, Dr. I. N. Magee; secretary-treasurer, Dr. C. P. Thomas.

Eye and Ear.

Chairman, E. C. Stivers, M.D.; vice-chairman,

R. B. Sweet, M.D.; councillor, A. L. Kelsey, M.D.; secretary-treasurer, R. Watson Graham, M.D.

Flu Situation.

With fluctuations there was a gradual progressive diminution in the number of cases and a lower proportion of deaths. Fifteen hundred to two thousand tourists coming every day are bringing new germs and new soil for their growth.

The city schools are being opened in districts free from danger.

An order for the wearing of masks for a period of ten days after release from quarantine, was considered and recommended by the advisory committee of business men at a meeting with Health Commissioner Powers, who thought the convalescents are the greatest spreaders of the disease. He also stated at the advisory committee's meeting that the quarantine measures have been the greatest factor in the fight against influenza.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, County Health Officer, issued for distribution 5000 pamphlets for the guidance of the public during the epidemic. It contains health rules, instructions to households, fumigation and the penalties for violations of the law. Constables empowered to make arrests are given, and a list of depositories for quarantine supplies.

For their work as voluntary helpers to combat the influenza epidemic, a number of teachers and employees of the school department were recommended for public commendation by the Board of Education. These include Dr. H. F. True, Dr. A. J. Herrmann, Dr. William R. Jacobs, Miss Lucy Blood, Miss Otilla Brandt, Miss Jesse Campbell, Miss Elizabeth Chandler, Miss Mary Coble, Miss Maria (Maud) Coble, Miss R. D. Quaintance, Miss Helen Woodward, J. J. Jones, Mrs. Harriet Cochran, Miss Jean Dady, Miss Alma Fisher, Miss Janet Grant, Miss Elma Hill, Miss Hannah Hansen, Miss Cordelia Macy, Mrs. Josephine Kellogg, Miss Elizabeth McGaffey, Robert Daniels, Mrs. Esther West, and Miss Irene Van Dyke, who gave her life in the service.

Dr. J. L. Pomeroy of the county health department has sent out an urgent call for graduate nurses to work in the public schools of the county. The salary is \$120 a month. The nurses are desired to inspect school children and to visit homes of children where there is influenza. The health department is short of nurses to care for the work of preparing the children for the reopening of schools.

Mayor Woodman of Los Angeles requests Surgeon General Rupert Blue that the Federal Government take charge of the campaign against the influenza epidemic in the United States.

School in the Open.

With the sanction of the board of health, the Monrovia grammar schools began a novel method of conducting school sessions, imposed by the renewal of the flu ban. From 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. the children, in groups of not more than three, are heard by their respective teachers, who dismiss them immediately, and the next group is called, by a definite schedule arranged by A. R. Clifton, superintendent of schools.

Influenza Situation Better at Pomona.

The epidemic has worked particular havoc with the local telephone company. At Claremont five of the operators were ill at one time while at Chino four of the operators were out at one time. In San Dimas an entire new force is operating the boards.

Pasadena Mask Law Violators Arrested.

Pasadena is a masked town, considerably to its own disgust, apparently. The ordinance passed by the City Commission last Saturday, making it

a violation of law to appear on the streets or in any place where the public is admitted without a mask, has been enforced. About sixty persons were arrested for failing to obey the regulation and were released on putting up \$5.00 bail.

Los Angeles Has Fewest Deaths From "Flu."

Latest government figures on the epidemic received by Dr. Powers from Washington show that Los Angeles still maintains its lead throughout the country in the number of deaths per 100,000 population. According to the government figures to January 18, Los Angeles deaths from both influenza and pneumonia have been 2822, while San Francisco deaths up to January 18 were 3477. Other cities reported deaths from the epidemic as follows: Boston 5618, Buffalo 2674, Cleveland 3849, New York 26,243, and Washington 2838.

No Cross-Infection in L. A. County Hospital.

Based on surveys made all over the country by pathological experts of the various departments at Washington, the Los Angeles County Hospital stands unique with reference to protective measures to prevent the spread of influenza from ward to ward. Cross-infection is unknown in this hospital.

N. H. Martin, superintendent of the hospital, who received this report, stated yesterday that influenza patients are being received into the hospital at the rate of twelve a day. Patients are being discharged at the rate of twenty a day. The total number of influenza patients received was 2667. At midnight last night there were 192 influenza patients in the hospital.

The fine condition of the hospital is due, Dr. Martin thinks, to the quarantine enforced. Much of the good work is due to the 180 faithful nurses. The nursing staff was sadly hit by the flu.

Medical Corps Major Tells His Observations.

"An impressive number of Western soldiers, particularly men from California and Utah, conquered tuberculosis prior to doing their part to make the world too hot for the Huns.

"Army records furnish indisputable proof that men from the city enjoy a higher average of good health than the dwellers in rural districts.

"The men suffering from the effects of the enemy's poison gas are chiefly benefited by the climatic conditions of California, and many of them expect to make their homes in the Southwest after they are discharged from army hospitals."

So says Major Ralph L. Byrnes, United States Army Medical Corps, who has returned to his home in Los Angeles after twenty months' service as one of Uncle Sam's "lung experts." He was for many months president of the tuberculosis board of the Fortieth Division at Camp Kearny. Later he did the same sort of work at Camp Dodge, Iowa, and during the final months of the war was stationed at the William Wirt Winchester Medical School and Tuberculosis Hospital, which the Government maintained at New Haven, Conn.

"There were more men from Texas and California discharged from the army by the tuberculosis board than from any other States in the Union—that is, in proportion to number of troops furnished," said Major Byrnes yesterday. "But," he added, "we found this a great tribute to the climate of the two States.

Hoag To Head Child Welfare Department.

The Board of Education has created a child welfare department for the public schools and appointed Dr. Ernest B. Hoag to take charge of it. The city has had medical inspection in the schools for years, but under the new arrangement activities in this field will be greatly extended.

Besides seeing that the children are physically fit, Dr. Hoag will deal with psychological prob-

lems having to do with the boys and girls. The mind as well as the body will come in for attention. Truancy will come under his observation. It has been found that habitual truancy and juvenile delinquency are often closely related, the latter frequently growing out of the former.

Personals.

Capt. W. A. Dutton has received his discharge from the army at Camp Lewis and returned to this city to resume his practice.

One hundred guests graced the reception at which Dr. and Mrs. Norman Bridge were hosts. Assisting Dr. and Mrs. Bridge were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Torrance and Mr. and Mrs. Hector Alliot. The affair was given for members of the Southwest Museum. Dr. Bridge is a former president, Mr. Torrance holding that position now. Mr. Alliot holds the next post of importance in the museum. During the evening the Tandler Quartette furnished a charming musical program.

Dr. Chas. G. Stivers has returned from a year's service as surgeon in the U. S. Army.

Dr. Earl Sweet has returned from service in the U. S. Army and has reopened his office.

Dr. Ralph Hagan, chief surgeon of Base Hospital Unit No. 6, American Expeditionary Forces, is ill in the hospital at Baun, France.

Dr. Rae Smith, who for a year was in command of Navy Base Hospital Unit No. 31, in Scotland, arrived yesterday. He is a member of the advisory staff of the California Hospital. Dr. Smith was in active service in France during the entire campaign of Argonne Forest.

Dr. William H. Brownfield, who has been serving in the Army Medical Corps, at Camp Cody, N. M., returned to Los Angeles yesterday and resumed practice.

Dr. Bertram C. Davies returned yesterday from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., to resume practice here. Dr. Davies, who was a captain in the Medical Corps, was for some time a post-graduate instructor in the school for physicians at the Georgia camp.

Capt. A. Halden Jones recently returned to his home and medical practice in this city from Camp Oglethorpe, Ga.

Dr. A. T. Charlton, who trained the nurses and internes of Naval Base Hospital Unit No. 3 at the County Hospital here, has returned home and will shortly resume practice. His return was hastened by the illness of his wife. For a time Dr. Charlton was connected with naval hospital work in Scotland, with the rank of senior lieutenant. Later he was transferred to the Army Medical Service in the battle of Argonne Forest.

A public demonstration is being planned in honor of Major Charles D. Lockwood, organizer of the Pasadena Ambulance Corps, which saw active service in Italy. Believing that this country would eventually be drawn into the war, Major Lockwood organized the corps in October, 1916. In June, 1917, the boys left for Allentown, Pa. They got to the front last year. Major Lockwood was detached for service at a base hospital in France, which explains why he gets home ahead of the company, which is still in Italy.

Dr. Maurice Armstrong, recently captain in the Medical Corps of the Army, has received his discharge from service and has resumed his practice in this city.

Dr. Egerton Crispin, who has been serving overseas with Naval Base Hospital Unit No. 3, returned to Los Angeles.

Dr. Clarence Moore returned to Los Angeles in the pink of condition, to be warmly greeted by a great circle of friends, as well as by his family and his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Moore. He was consulting surgeon of five of the

great military hospitals in France when the war closed, with the rank of major.

Dr. Lulu Peters, one of the best known doctors and club women in the city, will leave shortly for New York to sail in a fortnight with a unit of the American Women's Hospitals for duty in Serbia. She expects to be away from nine to twelve months.

The work is to be under the direction of the Red Cross. Dr. Peters is the only California woman with this particular contingent, although Dr. Margaret Farwell, another Los Angeles physician, has for some time been with the Balkan commission. The unit comprises ten doctors and two dentists. It will report to the Balkan commission at Rome.

Dr. Peters' work will be largely among the women and children in the suffering areas of Serbia. Her hospital is to be migratory, and the doctors will go to the patients, rather than have the patients come to them. The work will be general, medical and surgical relief, it is stated.

Dr. Peters, who has been in the city for about twenty-five years, was last year chairman of the department of public health of the California Federation of Women's Clubs for the Los Angeles district. She is a member of the Friday Morning, Woman's City, University and the Professional Women's Clubs, and has written a book on the suppression of excess avoirdupois in her sex.

Upon completion of her work with the unit, Dr. Peters plans to travel and do research work in the devastated areas of Europe, gathering material for a second publication.

MENDOCINO COUNTY.

At a belated yearly meeting held at Ukiah on the 31st of January the following officers were elected:

President, Carol Lincoln Sweet, M. D., Elk; vice-president, S. L. Rea, M. D., Ukiah; secretary-treasurer, Oswald H. Beckman, M. D., Fort Bragg; asst. editor, Oswald H. Beckman, M. D., Fort Bragg; delegate, F. G. Gunn, M. D., Willits.

It was also resolved to establish associate memberships. The society also endorsed the Health Day proposition.

A belated New Year's greeting to my friends:
Do not, dear friend, misjudge me now,
E'en if slow I may seem with thou;
A true excuse is due to you.
I have been sick, I've had the "Flu."
Therefore though late it now may seem,
This greeting has a sunny beam.
Its wish is most sincere to you,
"A Happy New Year, and no Flu,"
With full and plenty all this year
For yourself and those you hold dear.

MONTEREY COUNTY.

At the meeting of Monterey County Medical Society, recently held, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. Garth Parker, Salinas; vice-president, Dr. J. A. Beck, Salinas; secretary, Dr. T. C. Edwards, Salinas; treasurer, Dr. John Parker.

ORANGE COUNTY.

The Orange County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the Santa Ana Library on the evening of February 4th. The paper of the evening was given by Dr. D. C. Cowles, of Fullerton, and was entitled Tuberculous Peritonitis. The paper proved to be very interesting and brought out a very extensive discussion. In the paper the doctor gave a report of ten cases which had been treated surgically.

The March meeting of the Society will be held at the Orange County Hospital, where Dr. H. A. Zaiser will favor the members by showing them several interesting clinical cases.

Dr. C. D. Ball, of Santa Ana, who had a severe accident on Thanksgiving Day, is able to be out in a wheel chair.

Major Winters is on his way home to Santa Ana, being in New York at last report.

Captain Chapline has returned to Orange and it is understood will reopen his office there.

Captain Wehrley writes to Dr. Dryer, from France, that he is in Base Hospital 108 and having quite a large experience in the work there.

Captain Wickert cables that he expects to leave France soon for home.

PLACER COUNTY.

At the meeting held in Roseville on Saturday, Feb. 8th, the Placer County Medical Society was re-organized and the following officers elected:

President, Dr. Bradford Woodbridge, Roseville; vice-president, Dr. G. H. Fay, Auburn; secretary-treasurer, Dr. R. A. Peers, Colfax. The delegate and alternate are the same as last year, Dr. Ostrum of Loomis, and Dr. Miner of Colfax, respectively.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

At the annual meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. G. A. Spencer.
Vice-President, Dr. G. A. Foster.
Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. W. A. Beattie.
Directors, Dr. G. P. Dillon, Dr. J. W. James, Dr. G. A. Foster, Dr. G. A. Spencer and Dr. W. A. Beattie.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

Members of the San Diego County Medical Society enjoyed two excellent scientific programs in January. On the evening of the 14th, after partaking of a well-served dinner at the Maryland Hotel, the members were treated to an excellent paper by Capt. J. R. Arneill, M. C., U. S. A. of Camp Kearny on "Cardio-vascular Problems in the Army."

Dr. Arneill's record as an internist in his native city of Denver before entering the service was such as to guarantee a paper of original worth. The paper was discussed by Drs. Churchill, Andrews and Little.

On the evening of the 28th Capt. J. F. Grant, M. C., U. S. A., Rockwell Aviation Field, delivered in the rooms of the Society an illustrated talk on "Examination and Classification of Aviators." This represents the original research work of the aviation branch of the army as carried on at different points to determine the fitness and flexibility of the heart, circulation and nervous system of the applicants for pilot service. The paper was ably presented and elicited a lively interest from the large attendance, many of whom wore the uniform of camps in the vicinity. Capt. Grant, who is a member of the San Diego County Medical Society, has been requested by the medical authorities at Camp Kearny to repeat this lecture at the Base Hospital early in February.

Dr. James A. Jackson has returned from service in the army and resumed the practice of his specialty, dermatology.

Capt. Rawson J. Pickard, M. C., U. S. A., who has been following intensive study of epidemiology at Yale University, has returned to his laboratory work in San Diego.

Major J. A. Parks has returned from the service on the various tuberculosis boards throughout the West Coast and resumed the practice of his specialty.

Dr. Andrew J. Thornton, who has received an honorable discharge from the navy, has resumed active practice in San Diego.

Dr. C. E. Ide has taken over the office of the

late Dr. Wm. Williamson, with practice limited to eye, ear, nose and throat.

Dr. E. H. Crabtree has returned from active service in the army and resumed practice in San Diego.

Dr. Harry M. Wegeforth has received his honorable discharge from the army and has resumed his practice in San Diego, after an intensive course in neuro-surgery in New York City.

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

With Red Cross in Rome.

The second contingent of the American Red Cross Tuberculosis Department, of which Dr. Esther Rosencrantz is a member, has arrived in Rome.

Dr. Rosencrantz and other members of the party numbering eighteen social service and health experts, made the trip by way of New York and Genoa. She has been assigned to the medical staff and will begin work at once.

A survey of health conditions throughout Italy has just been completed by this Department. A train of American-made automobile traveling dispensaries will be put in operation in the northern provinces shortly.

Society Meetings.

Proceedings of the San Francisco County Medical Society.

During the month of January, 1919, the following meetings were held:

Tuesday, January 7th—Section on Medicine.

1. The teeth as a basis for referred pain. O. G. Freyermuth.
2. Tuberculin, its uses and limitations. Leon DeVille.

Tuesday, January 14th—Annual Meeting.

1. Oration on members deceased during the past year. J. T. Watkins.
2. Presentation of portrait photogram of Dr. Geo. Chismore with few remarks regarding Dr. Chismore's characteristics and his place in surgery. H. M. Sherman.
3. Address of President, J. H. Graves.
4. Annual reports of secretary, librarian, committee on admissions and executive committee.
5. Election of officers, board of directors, delegates and alternates.
6. Case of multiple fracture of the pelvis with injuries to urethra, prostate, bladder, ureter, and kidney, showing results of conservative surgery. Illustrated by lantern slides. Martin Molony.
7. Perforating gastric and duodenal ulcers. Saxton Pope.
8. The X-ray as an aid in the study of gastrointestinal disorders. L. L. Jones.

Tuesday, January 21st—Section on Surgery.

San Francisco Polyclinic Clinical Evening.

1. Syphilis in women. Wm. E. Stevens.
2. Non-operative treatment of cataracts. A. S. Green.
3. Differential diagnosis of medical and surgical conditions pertaining to the ear. (Illustrated). C. F. Welty.

Tuesday, January 28th—Section on Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Recent Progress in the Study of Tuberculosis of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

1. Eye—Kaspar Pischel, W. S. Franklin.
2. Ear—H. Y. McNaught.
3. Nose and Throat—Wallace Smith.
4. General—P. H. Pierson.
5. What the State is doing (Illustrated). Mrs. E. Tate Thompson, Director Bureau Tuberculosis, State Board of Health.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the office of Dr. R. T. McGurk Friday evening, December 27. Those present were Drs. E. A. Arthur, Grace McCoskey, Margaret Smyth, Minerva Goodaman and R. T. McGurk.

A motion was made and carried approving the City Council's action in suspending public dancing during the present stage of the influenza epidemic.

The president called for the counting of the ballots and the following members were declared elected: Directors for the ensuing year: Drs. R. T. McGurk, E. A. Arthur, F. P. Clark, J. D. Dameron, D. R. Powell, C. R. Harry, H. Smyth, B. F. Walker, J. V. Craviotto. From the above nine Dr. E. A. Arthur was chosen as president, Dr. J. D. Dameron first vice-president, Dr. Hudson Smyth second vice-president, and Dr. R. T. McGurk secretary.

The following committees were elected:

Program—Drs. B. J. Powell, chairman; R. T. McGurk and Margaret Smyth.

Ethics—Drs. F. P. Clark, chairman; C. F. English, E. A. Arthur, S. R. Arthur and C. R. Harry.

Finance—Drs. Grace McCoskey, chairman; R. T. McGurk and J. V. Craviotto.

Admissions—Drs. J. D. Dameron, chairman; C. F. English, D. R. Powell, L. Dozier and E. A. Arthur.

For delegate to the State Society, Dr. R. T. McGurk was elected, with Dr. F. P. Clark as alternate.

R. T. McGURK, Secretary.

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the office of Dr. C. D. Holliger, Friday evening, January 31st. Those present were: Drs. C. F. English, S. P. Tuggle, H. O. Willis, B. F. Walker, H. E. Sanderson, C. D. Holliger, E. A. Arthur, R. T. McGurk, B. J. Powell, W. F. Priestly and Mr. P. Ansell of Oakland.

The evening was devoted to radiographic demonstrations by Dr. Holliger and Mr. Ansell. Some very interesting plates were shown. Mr. Ansell also gave an interesting talk on the value of X-ray treatment, emphasizing the necessity of having the proper technique in all cases treated by the X-ray. Several of the plates showed unusual conditions and brought forth considerable discussion by the members present.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

At the meeting of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society held in January, the following officers were elected for the year 1919:

President, Dr. W. H. Keck, Santa Cruz; first vice-president, Dr. L. M. Liles, Watsonville; second vice-president, Dr. W. F. Cothran, Santa Cruz; secretary, Dr. A. N. Nittler, Santa Cruz; associate editor, Dr. A. F. Cowden.

SHASTA COUNTY.

The Shasta County Medical Society had its regular January meeting on Saturday, January 18th, 1919. Only three members were present, Dr. F. Stabel, president; Dr. C. A. Mueller, secretary, and Dr. A. G. Gilliland of Cottonwood. Dr. S. T. White was absent on account of illness. Other physicians usually attending were absent on account of professional duties. The regular routine of business was transacted. Dr. F. Stabel was appointed delegate to the State Medical Society meeting in April.

SONOMA COUNTY.

At the meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society in January, the following officers were elected:

President, Dr. Elizabeth M. Yates; vice-president, Dr. F. O. Butler; secretary, Dr. N. Juell; treasurer, Dr. R. M. Bonar.

VENTURA COUNTY.

At the December meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society, Dr. Edith A. Lamoree was elected president, and Dr. C. A. Jenson secretary.

Dr. B. F. Merrill, of Santa Paula, has returned to active practice.

Notices**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EXTENSION**

The Factors of Evolution in Man. Prof. Samuel J. Holmes.

The University of California wishes to call your attention to the increased importance of **eugenics** and **genetics** at the present time.

The great war has turned the mind of the world to the problem of decadence or progress in modern civilization. This problem will be treated in a course of 15 University Extension lectures to be delivered by Professor Samuel J. Holmes.

Professor Holmes, the acting head of the Department of Zoology of the University of California, is a national authority on heredity, evolution and eugenics. He will point out the factors and forces essential to the development of a vigorous nation.

The course will be conducted particularly for legislators, executives, doctors, teachers, and social workers; but it will be vitally interesting to students at large.

The lectures will be delivered on Thursday evening each week in the San Francisco Main Public Library in the Civic Center. The fee for the course will be \$5.00.

In the interest of national progress, will you mention the course to others who may be interested?

Outline of Course on Eugenics.

1. Problem of Human Evolution. Preliminary Survey of the Field.
2. The Laws of Heredity.
3. The Transmission of Human Defects. Mode of Inheritance of Insanity. Feeble-mindedness, and other forms of mental defection.
4. The Inheritance of Mental Ability.
5. The Hereditary Factor in Crime and Delinquency.
6. The Decline of the Birth Rate. The Relative Birth Rates of Different Classes of the Population.
7. Causes of the Decline in Birth Rate.
8. Hereditary Influence of Alcohol and Disease.
9. Natural Selection of Man. The Various Forms of Natural Selection Among Human Beings. Racial Influence on Infant Mortality.
10. War and the Race. An Estimate of the Different Ways in Which War May Modify Human Inheritance.
11. Sexual Selection in Men. Its Past and Present Influence and Its Possibilities.
12. Industrial Development and Racial Inheritance.
13. The Elimination of Defectives. Sterilization and Segregation.
14. Religion as a Factor in Race Development. Religious Selection Past and Present.
15. The Present Trend of the Race. General Summary and Discussion of Various Forces Working Towards Racial Deterioration or Improvement.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

To be amended at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California, held at Santa Barbara, April 1919.

ARTICLE I.**Name and Object.**

Section 1. The name of this Society shall be the "Medical Society of the State of California."

Sec. 2. The purpose of this Society shall be to federate and bring into one compact organization the entire medical profession of the State of California, and to unite with similar societies of other States to form the American Medical Association; to extend medical knowledge and advance medical science; to elevate the standard of medical education, and to secure the enactment and enforcement of just medical laws; to promote friendly intercourse among physicians, to guard and foster the material interests of its members and to protect them against imposition; and to enlighten and direct public opinion in regard to the great problems of state medicine, so that the profession shall become more capable and honorable within itself, and more useful to the public, in the prevention and cure of disease, and in prolonging and adding comfort to life.

ARTICLE II.**Component Societies.**

Component Societies shall consist of those county medical societies which hold charters from this Society.

ARTICLE III.**Composition of the Society.**

Section 1. This Society shall consist of Members, Delegates, and Guests.

Sec. 2. Members—The Members of the Society shall be the members of the component county medical societies.

Sec. 3. Delegates—Delegates shall be those members who are elected in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws to represent their respective component societies in the House of Delegates of this Society.

Sec. 4.—Guests—Any distinguished scientist, or any physician not a resident of this State, may become a guest during any Annual Session on invitation of the President or the officers of this Society, and shall be accorded the privilege of participating in all of the scientific work for that session. The President shall announce to the general meeting the names of such persons as have been invited to attend the meeting, and their names shall then be enrolled as guests of that annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.**House of Delegates.**

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative and business body of the Society, and shall consist of (1) Delegates elected by the component county